



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020, AT 6:00 PM AT THE CITY OF KISSIMMEE, CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 101 CHURCH STREET, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Members Present: Mayor Jose Alvarez, Commissioners Olga Gonzalez, Felix Ortiz, Angela Eady, Jim Fisher

Staff Present: Deputy City Manager Desiree Matthews, City Attorney Olga Sanchez de Fuentes, Assistant City Manager Austin Blake, City Clerk Linda Hansell, Records Specialist Eugenio Morales

Members Absent: City Manager Mike Steigerwald

Mayor Alvarez called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

After a Moment of Silence, Commissioner Fisher led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3.A. PRESENTATION - OSCEOLA COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

The request is for the City Commission to hear a presentation from the Chief Executive Officer of Osceola Community Health Services.

Belinda Johnson-Cornett, Chief Executive Officer, Osceola Community Health Services, reviewed the PowerPoint Presentation that was attached to agenda and distributed a flyer (Exhibit "A") on Healthy Family Specials.

Mayor Alvarez asked if any Commission had any questions.

Commissioner Ortiz thanked Ms. Johnson-Cornett for the presentation and stated it is much needed.

Commissioner Eady requested a business card or contact information for future reference.

Commissioner Fisher encouraged them to keep up the good work.

Mayor Alvarez thanked Ms. Johnson-Cornett for her presentation.

3.B. SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR NEW DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Swearing in and administering of Oath of Office for new Deputy Fire Chief, Joseph Leone.

Fire Chief Jim Walls administered the Oath of Office (Exhibit "B") to Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Leone and introduced him to the Commission. Chief Walls stated Leone was selected after a nationwide search and comes to us from the Chicago area.

Deputy Chief Leone stated he was honored and humbled to be able to serve this great City and even more proud to serve with the men and women of the Kissimmee Fire Department.

3.C. RECOGNITION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUNKER GEAR DRYERS

The City of Kissimmee Fire Department would like to recognize three employees for their ingenuity and dedication concerning the construction of bunker gear dryers for the department.

Fire Chief Walls reviewed the process of keeping bunker gear clean and the efforts of the Kissimmee Fire Department to eliminate carcinogens from the fire-fighter's bunker gear. Three of our firefighters worked together to build five (5) dryers for \$2,000 each and saved the City \$20,000 in the process. Chief Walls recognized Part-Time Logistics Engineer Gary LaTour, Firefighter Frank Bachmann, and Firefighter Luis Pena.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to each of the individuals who were recognized.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS - FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

None.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

6. HEAR AUDIENCE

Buster LaFauvre, 564 Bitterwood Court, Kissimmee, spoke before the Commission and stated he and his wife, Wanda, host the Dakin Avenue Cruise In held on the First Friday of every month. Mr. LaFauvre expressed his concerns with the lack of lighting during the car show. The promoters of the Cruise In are requesting assistance in acquiring lights and barricades from the City. The Cruise In is requesting the barricades because the ones they have are falling apart. The lighting will only be needed for a few months until the time changes.

Mayor Alvarez advised Mr. LaFauvre that Parks and Recreations has programs and our staff would be the best place to start with this request.

Susan Mendez, 607 Bobcat Lane, Kissimmee, stated they were representing Central Cultural Desfile who submitted an application to the City for the 10th Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade, Festival, and Business Expo on Saturday, September 5, 2020. The City accepted the Festival and Business Expo application but not the parade. In past years the parade has been on Sunday but in 2016 the City informed them the parade would no longer be on Sunday and would have to be moved to Saturday, however it didn't occur because of Hurricane Dorian and they feel this was the main factor for low attendance in addition to it being held on a Saturday. Ms. Mendez stated they are willing to work with the City on another parade route, so they do not inconvenience any residents or businesses. Ms. Mendez also questioned the Commission on who made the decision to cancel the parade.

Mayor Alvarez reminded Ms. Mendez that the Hear the Audience section of the meeting is not for discussion items.

Jackie Espinosa, 2800 Swoop Circle, Kissimmee, stated she was here to address some of the concerns of the downtown property owners and support Mr. Ramirez's comments that will be discussed later in the meeting. She commented on the increase in property taxes and the lack of beautification in the downtown area. The items they are bringing to the Commission are areas of concerns for business owners and merchants and they stand united in support of the issues that will be addressed. Some of the items they would like addressed are Christmas decorations, Welcome Signs, and Christmas Lights. The downtown merchants are willing to talk to Kissimmee Utility Authority to ask for their assistance as well.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

THE CONSENT AGENDA IS A TECHNIQUE DESIGNED TO EXPEDITE HANDLING OF ROUTINE MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS OF THE CITY COMMISSION. THE CITY COMMISSION IN ONE MOTION MAY ADOPT THE ENTIRE AGENDA. THE MOTION FOR ADOPTION IS NON-DEBATABLE AND MUST RECEIVE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL. BY REQUEST OF ANY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER, ANY ITEM MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND PLACED UPON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR DEBATE.

Commissioner Eady made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

7.A. COMMISSION MINUTES APPROVAL

Request Commission approval of the January 7, 2020 Commission Minutes.

7.B. AUTHORIZATION TO USE FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ELECTRONIC STORAGE DETECTION K-9

The Police Department requests approval to transfer \$15,000 from contingency reserves in the Federal Forfeiture Fund to purchase an Electronic Storage Detection K-9.

7.C. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS

Approval of a Resolution authorizing the City to acquire firefighting apparatus using the lease-financing purchase agreement and buy back agreement through the collaboration and partnership of South Florida Emergency Vehicles, Leasing 2 Inc., and Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC.

Resolution # 01-2020 (Exhibit "C").

7.D. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE YATES CONNECTOR PORTION OF THE SHINGLE CREEK REGIONAL TRAIL

Approve the lease agreement between the City of Kissimmee and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to maintain the Yates Connector of Shingle Creek Regional Trail.

7.E. DONATION OF CITY COMPUTERS TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Approval to donate surplus computers to two nonprofit organizations providing services to residents in Kissimmee.

7.F. ACCEPTANCE OF AN INTERNSHIP GRANT FROM FLORIDA AIRPORT COUNCIL (FAC)

Request Commission approval of acceptance of an Internship Grant from Florida Airport Council (FAC).

7.G. EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT WITH VENDING STATION, INC. FOR VENDING SERVICES

Approval to extend the agreement with Vending Station, Inc. for vending services.

7.H. EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH ZAMBELLI FIREWORKS MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Approval to extend the agreement between the City of Kissimmee and Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Company.

7.I. APPROVAL OF FINAL PLAT - SUMMER FLOWERS TOWNHOMES (DRC#14-00212), IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE BOND

Approval of Summer Flowers Final Plat (DRC #14-00212), improvements and maintenance bond.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.A. DISCUSSION REGARDING DOWNTOWN KISSIMMEE IMPROVEMENTS

This is a request from Mr. Carlos Ramirez to address the City Commission about concerns regarding the Downtown Kissimmee area.

Mr. Ramirez, 7 Westchester Drive, Kissimmee, provided pictures and a hand-out (Exhibit "D") and expressed his concerns about the downtown decorations: lack of Christmas lights, bows on poles at least four (4) years old and missing on some poles, center street lights are non-existent, flags are missing, the Veteran's Parade didn't have American flags displayed by the City along Broadway, landscaping needs improvements, sprinklers are not up to standards, and police are parking on medians.

Mr. Ramirez express additional concerns with the amount of time streets are barricaded before events and used the example of the Holiday Parade. He stated the barricades were up starting at 6:00 a.m. but the parade was not until 7:00 p.m., which prevents customers from being able to park. The second issue was the parking garage that was closed when his employees left work and they were not able to move their vehicles.

Mr. Ramirez continued by providing the City Commission with other issues associated with the general upkeep and appearance of downtown Kissimmee.

Mr. Ramirez visited other cities and felt Kissimmee's Downtown is not up to standards with decorations and lights during the holidays and detailed a discussion with City staff about these decorations and felt the tax money that has been collected from him should be used to help fund better decorations

Deputy City Manager Matthews informed Mr. Ramirez that the City is establishing standards for maintenance and have members of the "Clean Team" in place to start working on this project. Staff members met and included the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Public Works Team, Development Services, and the CRA Manager. This is a work in progress and the Commission and staff did hear the concerns and are working on the repairs and beautification project.

Mayor Alvarez asked staff to keep the Commission updated on the progress downtown. He commented the beautification project is currently in the funding stage with MetroPlan, but it includes the entire corridor. Mayor Alvarez thanked Mr. Ramirez and the Downtown businesses for bringing this to the Commission.

Commissioner Fisher stated he was going to spend some time walking around downtown to see this for himself.

Deputy City Manager Matthews stated the businesses will start receiving communications from the City on this project and who is responsible for the different areas.

9. HEAR CITY OFFICIALS

9.A. CITY MANAGER

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER MATTHEWS

Deputy City Manager Matthews stated it has been a pleasure serving as Acting City Manager; City Manager Steigerwald will return on the 24th.

9.B. CITY ATTORNEY

CITY ATTORNEY SANCHEZ DE FUENTES

Nothing.

9.C. CITY COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ

Nothing.

COMMISSIONER ORTIZ

Commissioner Ortiz commented on the presentation from Belinda Johnson-Cornett and stated it was great and exactly what we need for our citizens.

Commissioner Ortiz expressed his appreciation to Parks and Recreation for a great job advertising events.

Commissioner Ortiz commented that he does not want to see the Puerto Rican Day Parade canceled for September 5th. He stated if we are going to cancel one parade for low attendance then we should cancel all the parades except for the Holiday Parade.

COMMISSIONER EADY

Commissioner Eady complimented Parks and Recreation and the MLK Planning Committee and stated there was an excellent turnout.

COMMISSIONER FISHER

Commissioner Fisher commented on the performance of Mary Wilson at the MLK Festival and was presented with an autographed vehicle magnet from Ms. Wilson.

MAYOR ALVAREZ

Mayor Alvarez commented on the great turnout with over 500 people at the MLK Parade. He thanked the members of the community who participated in the planning and promotion of this event which made it so successful.

Mayor Alvarez explained that the Puerto Rican Day Parade has not always been held in Downtown and their application did not meet the qualifications. The Commission voted to have these types of requests follow specific guidelines and we cannot get involved when everyone has the follow the same criteria.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mayor Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.



ATTEST:

Linda S. Hansell
CITY CLERK

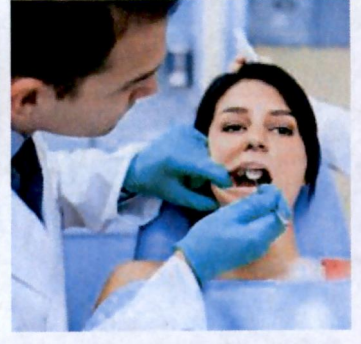
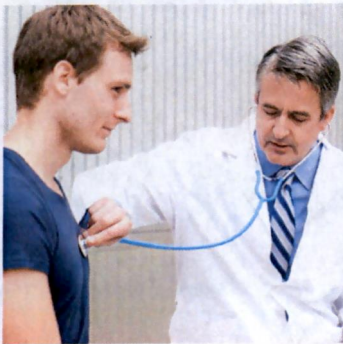

MAYOR-COMMISSIONER

Exhibit "A"
Presentation Hand-out Health Services
"Healthy Family Specials"
Item 3.A.

Healthy Family Specials



Your Choice of Health & Dental Exams



Annual Physical
Exam with Basic
Labs

\$55

Women's Health
Exam with
PAP Smear

\$76

Men's Health
Exam with
Prostate Screening

\$59

Comprehensive
Dental Exam with
Cleaning*

\$55



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Health Services

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OsceolaHealthCare.org

HABLAMOS ESPAÑOL



Exhibit "B"
Oath of Office
Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Leone
Item 3.B.

City of Kissimmee Fire Department

101 Church St.

Suite 200

Kissimmee, Florida 34741-5054

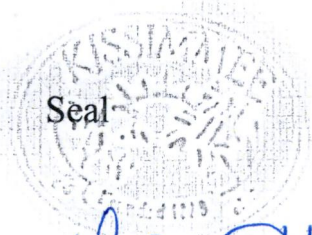
(407) 518-2222 • FAX (407) 933-8604



January 21, 2020

I, Joseph Leone, having been appointed to the position of Deputy Fire Chief, do hereby solemnly swear and affirm that I will support, defend and obey the Constitution of the United States of America; the Constitution of the State of Florida; the Laws and Ordinances of the City of Kissimmee; and the Rules and Regulations of the Kissimmee Fire Department to the best of my ability. So help me God.

Seal



Linda S. Hansell

Attest (City Clerk)

Joe Leone

Joseph Leone

Jim Walls

Witness
(Jim Walls, Fire Chief)

Exhibit "C"
Resolution # 01-2020
Authorizing Acquisition of Firefighting Apparatus
Item 7.C.

Exhibit "D"
Discussion on Downtown Improvement – Carlos Ramirez
Hand-out Pictures/Reference Explanations
Item 8.A.

COMMISSION MEETING 1/21/2020

- EXC A

Shows our downtown welcome center versus other city's welcome centers. The welcome centers make the visitors feel welcome with flowers etc.

- EXC. B

Shows flags used thru cities in other cities including central Florida to celebrate different seasons and events. It was so sad to see our Veterans parade and no flags up other than the ones we had. So sad to host a pride event and not a flag up showing welcome and feel safe here. Martin Luther King parade with no flags up.

- EXC. C

Shows landscaping thru other cities in the area. Well manicure shrubs, welcoming flowers and properly trimmed trees. Even Osceola regional medical center and Kissimmee in the past had welcoming colorful plants that could be placed 2 times per year on each entrance. East entrance at Neptune and Broadway has been in disrepair for close to a year now.

- EXC. D

Shows barricades on a parade that occurred on Saturday and ended at noon time the barricades were not removed till this morning 3 days after. Barricades look bad and can hurt someone.

Why Christmas parade was a 7 and parking closed at 6 a.m. on Saturday. Garage closed and no one was allowed to leave parking garage at 6:00 P.M. Employees using garage could not get out until 9 pm? We were never advised that this would happen.

Cone placed in this spot for over a year when tree was removed.

Garbage normally overfilled and smells bad. Garbage cans never cleaned

Traffic signal lights on Neptune / Main / Broadway and Monument and Broadway in desperate need of painting. Has been reported over 1 ½ years ago to public works.

Landscaping lights in total disrepair reported over 1 ½ years ago.

Sidewalks with weeds never sprayed unless a call is made to city.

New parking garage structure is starting to fall apart is there a plan for repairs in place. Is this still under warranty from contractor?

- EXC. E

Various violation city has not addressed:

Gas vehicle in apartment entrance

Garbage visible from street and parking garage

Condominium complex in need of pressure washing or painting. Reported since 7/2019

Building through out city that need paint

Benches and filth in front of business.

Patio heaters in disrepair and potentially hazardous, previously reported.

Signs thru downtown that are not approved or poorly designed.

- EXC. F

Bad signage is not visible advising visitors to city where parking is. Bad placement of signs and poor conditions not uniform.

- EXC. G

Bad landscaping full of weed at our downtown bus and train terminals. This is unsightly to people visiting our city from other central Florida towns.

- EXC. H

Poor decorating of city during holidays. For the past 4 years the same old faded bows are placed on the light post in front of our business. We need to do something to attract people to our city to come and see the lights to come and experience Kissimmee's Downtown We are not tapping into our resources to bring potential consumers to our area where they will enjoy family time and patronize our businesses. We are not welcoming different demographics to come into our community during times that we could. Examples putting up our banners along the center of the city for Black Heritage month, Hispanic Heritage month, Flags up during our veterans parade, Flags up during pride events etc. I have included a simple and inexpensive picture of a bow that I saw in another city that is not costly and looks good. Other central Florida towns (Mount Dora, Winter Haven, Winter Garden and even St Cloud had lights and decorations to attract patrons to their Downtown area why can't Kissimmee?



EXC A









EXC B





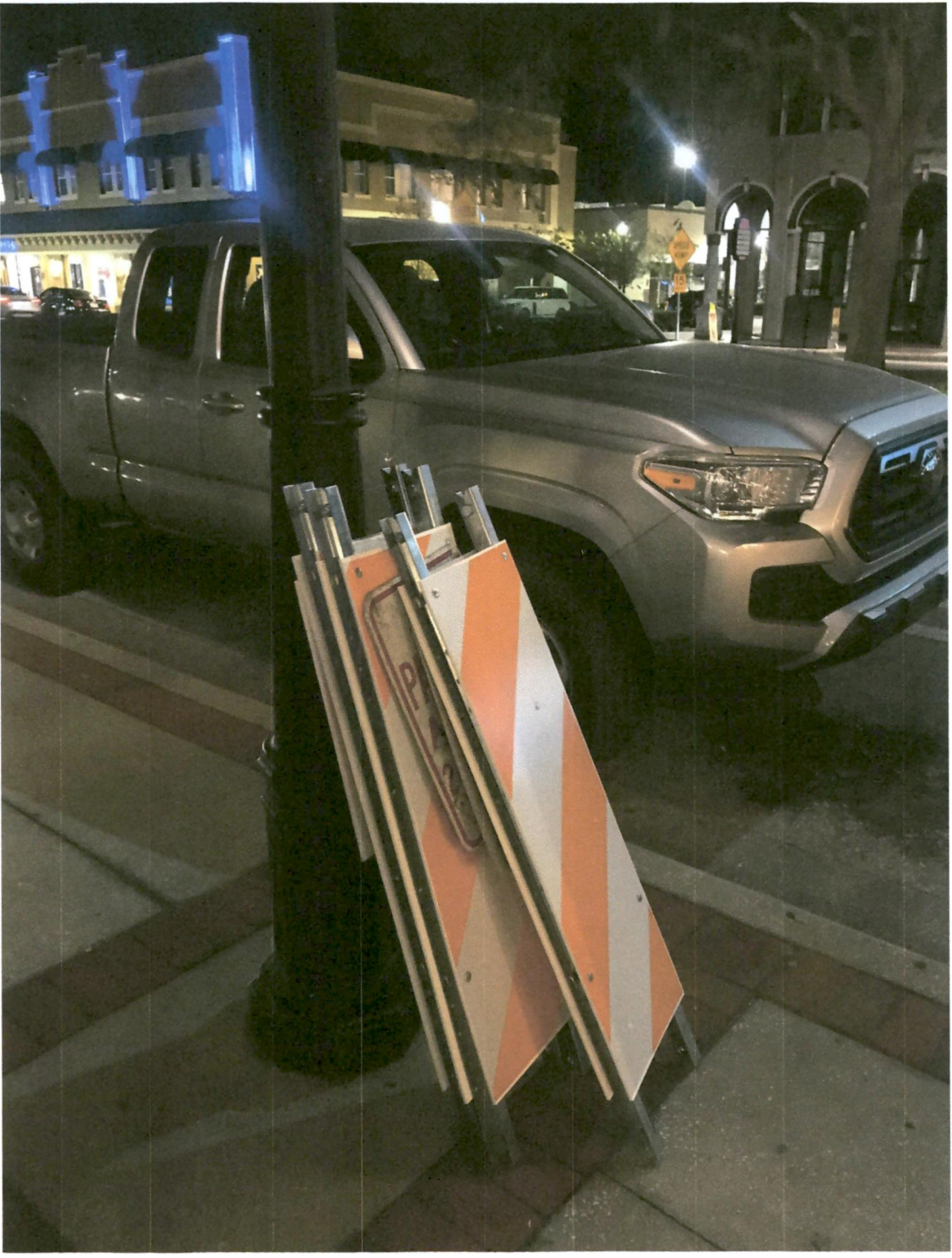
EXC C





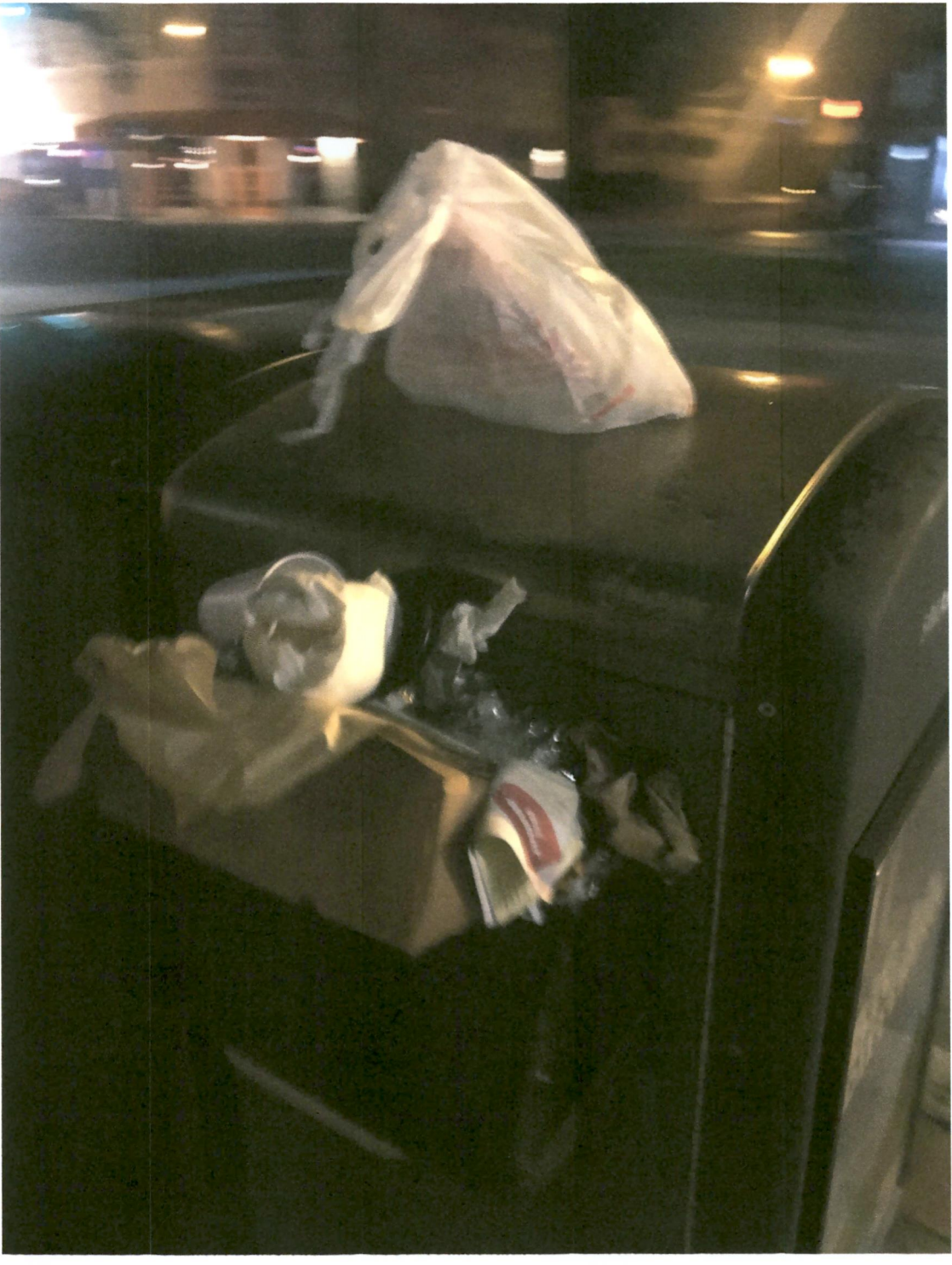






EXC D













EXC E











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EXC F





EXC G







EXC H